

REMARKS

Claims 1-8, 11-23 and 26-31 are pending in the present application.

In the Office Action, claims 1-8, 11-23, and 26-31 were provisionally rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 as claiming the same invention as that of claims 1-4 of copending U.S. Application No. 10/728,635. Applicants submit herewith a terminal disclaimer to obviate the basis for rejecting claims 1-8, 11-23, and 26-31.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application.

REQUEST FOR ALLOWANCE

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that all pending claims in the application are patentable. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of this application are earnestly solicited. Should any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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